

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2003_1295
Shoji YUYAMA et al. : **Confirmation No. 4506**
Serial No. 10/659,681 : Group Art Unit 3654
Filed September 11, 2003 : Examiner William A. Rivera
METHOD OF ADJUSTING TENSION : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**
APPLIED TO SHEET, AND DEVICE FOR
THE SAME

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2009. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the previous Office Action, claims 1-2 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting in view of the claims in U.S. Patent No. 6,059,222. Also, claims 1-22 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting in view of the claims in U.S. Patent No. 5,967,445.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that U.S. Patent No. 6,286,780 should not have been applied in the double patenting rejections set forth in the Office Action dated January 5, 2009. Accordingly, the Examiner has required a "revised" terminal disclaimer due to the improper rejection.

In response a "revised" terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) is submitted herewith in order to overcome the rejection.

Since there does not appear to be any further issues remaining in the present application, the Examiner is requested to pass this case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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